



**OIL AND GAS COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

File: 20400-40

November 9, 2006

Ross Curtis, Commissioner
Oil and Gas Commission
200, 10003 110th Avenue
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Dear Ross:

Re: Advice / Recommendations from the OGC Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee held its quarterly meeting on October 2 and 3, 2006 in Dawson Creek. The following represents a summary of the Committee's advice and recommendations to the Oil and Gas Commission as a result of discussions at this meeting:

Future Operational Stat for B.C.'s Oil and Gas Commission and Implementation Strategy

⇒ The Commissioner to monitor the composition of the Sponsor Board to ascertain that representation from the Industry and the First Nations sectors are adequate.

Appropriate Dispute Resolution and Public Engagement Guidelines

⇒ A public consultation number as recommended by the Advisory Committee; presented to Commissioner Derek Doyle in the February 6, 2006 correspondence. The recommendation was to implement a file numbering system to facilitate tracking of pre-application consultation by proponents. This recommendation would be a benefit to the pre-application work done by the ADR, which needs a tracking method.

⇒ The Committee was told that the Oil and Gas Commission does not have jurisdiction over the enforcement of erosion controls. The Committee would ask that it be provided with information as to which entity is responsible for erosion controls.

Commissioner's Update

⇒ To accommodate secretary Advisory Committee changes, the Advisory Committee decided to establish a new generic email address rather than a secretary-specific email address..

iSWAP

⇒ The Advisory Committee recommends that the Oil and Gas Commission implement the risk management strategy outlined in the iSWAP where appropriate as soon as possible, rather than waiting for the OGR11 legislation.

A Summary of the Advisory Committee's meeting is attached for your reference. These minutes elaborate on the discussions that culminated in our advice and recommendations to you.

We thank you for your time and consideration in these matters and look forward to hearing how you will move forward on the advice given.

Sincerely,

Signature on Original

Mike Waberski
Chair, Advisory Committee

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